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while this acknowledgment is due to the disand worthy patrons of these noble arts, it is al source of humi-lation and sorrow to behold arent apathy and indifference with which they regard the incomparably more valuable cre-

are them adorn the walls of the Capitol with the as revelations of the pencil, and decorate the gounds with the costly chef d'œuvres of the is an omen of good which will be hailed and atel by all as a caeering pledge of the progress gement. But, whilst they lavish their thousapon these immobile products of canvass and and bronge, they offer no reward for the more t, more enduring and renowned ovations of he fistering hand from these high places has et invited the Promethan fire of poetry to anie history of our country, which, with all its ay of form and sonder of proportion, lies asleep the humble vault of Mount Vernon, ready to into life and beauty at the first kindling touch nial inspiration.

irely were a work of supererogation to introduce so is that crowd the records of the past to show ar above all other stands the "divine art" of What are all the paintings, statues, and rega-Versailies, of Fontainbleau, and the Tuileries, red with the "Marseilles Hymn?" What the panoply of gold and gems heaped up in the of London; what the collections of the Royal my, or even the time hallowed shrines of Westor Abbey, when compared with the songs of and Diblen, and Campbell? Or what has the that we would take in exchange for "Hail Coa" and the "Star-Spangled Banner?" Well the British statesman exclaim, "let me but since. the ballads of a nation, and I care not who

for as the living, breathing man is above the cold asate marble that is made to represent him; as is the ratiant skies of summer are above the perle canvass to which the painter has transferred feeble resemblance, so far is poetry above all arts that have their mission to console and eleand inspire the immortal mind of man.

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THE PASTOR'S DAUGHTER.

An ivy-mantled cottage smiled, Deep-wooded near a streamlet's side, Where dwelt the village pastor's child, In all her maiden bloom and pride. Proud suitors paid their court and duty To this romantic sylvan beauty: Yet none of all the swains who sought her, Was worthy of the pastor's daughter.

The town gallants crossed hill and plain, To seek the groves of her retreat. And many followed in her train, To lay the riches at her feet. But still, for all their arts so soary, From home they could not lure the fairy, A maid without a heart they thought her, And so they left the pastor's daughter.

One balmy eve in dewy spring, A bard became her father's guest; He struck his harp, and every string To love vibrated in her breast. With that true faith which cannot falter, Her hand was given at the altar, And faithful was the heart he brought her To wedlock and the pastor's daughter.

How seldem learn the worldly gay, With all their sophistry and art, The sweet and gentle primrose-way To woman's fond, devoted heart: They seek, but never find, the treasure, Although revealed in jet and azure; To them, like truth in wells of water, A fable is the pastor's daughter.

THE COQUETTE.

BY MRS. MARIANNE DENISON.

"I can hardly believe this story they tell, Ned. You, a strong, hearty, jovial fellow, always up to fun and mischief-dying for love? Bah! it's all moonshine!"

Spite of his forced mirth, the voice of prosecutes claims of every description before the the speaker grew tremulous. The mournful glance of that dark eye unmanned him. Was this but the wreck of what had been so noble, so beautiful? The sunken cheek, the claw-like hands, that flickering deathlight, that unsteady dance of the death-Aiso, a lot of Gold and Silver Watches and Jewelry | bloom-could this be all that remained of so much manly beauty?

"You never knew me, Marshall."

His voice was low and broken. "I never knew myself. I was an orphan; no one loved me-sister, brother, I had none-and when my heart first learned the meaning of that mighty passion which makes earth a paradise, or dries its living springs and greenness to desert barrenness, I feared for myself. But was I not happy? Dying for love you say; it is not that. The bitter consciousness that where I looked for truth -for every divine virtue, I found but duplicity, art, deception-a withered heart buried in a whited sepulchre-oh! heaven!" and he hid his face in his wasted hands.

"My dear fellow, be a man; bear up more bravely; do not, I pray you, die for the love of a silly girl."

"She was so beautiful," continued the sick man; "and she taught me to hope. She tuned every string of my heart till it would vibrate at her touch; she led every pulse till they beat only for her smiles. I know-I know it was wrong for me to love her so; and yet, isolated as I have been from infancy, how could I help it? When the bolt fell it crushed me. May you never know what it is to be deceived-and by one

Again he had covered his face with his hands. He did not see the convulsive start, the deathlike pallor of his friend. And when he said good night, twilight was falling, so that they parted, and neither knew how blighting the words that had fallen upon the other's heart.

"I am beautiful!" said a queenly girl, as she stood before her mirror; "beautiful without all these"-lifting a pearl spray, and brightening with it the rich gloss of her brown ringlets; and circling her wrist and finger with gems of untold value.

"I shall be the queen of the ball-room tonight. Envied, and courted, and yet not exactly happy. How exquisitely rich this lace-poor Ned! heigho-somehow what he said seemed so real. I wish he had been rich, poor fellow! I half believe I love him better than I think, even now."

" Miss Helen, are you ready ?"

"Yes, coming, Linda-how do I look? Is Harvey waiting? There take my bonnet and shawl-carry them down, I'll be there. Poor Ned; what makes me think of him tonight, I wonder? When I think of Harvey's proposal, and my brilliant prospects for the future, I seem to see his ghost. Can he be dead? Was it not very cruel in me to treat him so? I wish I could see him; will he be at the ball, I wonder?"

Thus soliloquizing, the fair, proud girl hurried down to meet her lover. Resplendent as she looked, bewitching as she knew herself, she was startled at his coldness.

He came forward, took one white hand. gazed at her from head to foot, and with a smile that seemed even to her mockery, he said, in measured tones, "how beautiful you are!" and turned abruptly away.

For a moment he seemed to have forgotten himself, then hurriedly performing the office of gallant, he assisted her into the carriage and they drove off.

It was not before the brilliantly lighted ball room that they stopped. No streams of amber light checked the dim pavementbut all was still, dark, solitary.

"For heaven's sake, where are we going?" Helen exclaimed, as her lover made a motion to leave the carriage.

"To see a friend, my love," he answered in the same freezing tones; "you whose heart is so tender that it bleeds at the sight of human misery, will not I am sure, deny me your company on an errand of mercy.

Through a long, dimly lighted entry, the young man led her, silently and hurriedly. "Pray God it be not too late," he murmured as he stood hesitating before a half closed door. Suddenly it was opened to its utmost, and a shadowy figure passed out, starting as it met the intruders.

They stood beside the dead.

Helen shrieked, and falling beside the couch, hid her face in her shaking hands.

"Look on your work, woman!" exclaimed her lover. "Murdered by your cruelty, there lies one of the noblest of his kind. Ay! start at the fallen jaw, the livid temples, the dull staring eyes-you will never again with lip, voice, or smile, beguile that great heart to its ruin. He died with the mantle of his pure, steadfast love wrapped about him; he laid him down with the music of that love breathing in blessings

from those cold lips. "Aye! sob and shudder! well you may, for you are as truly his murderer as if you had pierced his heart with the cold steel, or poured the poison from the chalice of death upon his lips. Miserable coquette,

I spurn you. "And yet forgive me," he added, passionately, relenting at sight of her agony,-"vengeance is mine saith a just God, and the arrow of eternal remorse is lodged in your soul. I pity you, from my very inmost heart, I pity you. Rather would I be yonder poor, senseless clod, than you, bright, beautiful, brilliant as you are, with the murder of a fellow-creature heavy on your conscience.

"Mr. Harvey, will you take me home?" Her face was as ghastly as that of the corpse before them-and the shining baubles mockers of her sorrow, flashed and flickered like grave-lights about a pall. Relenting, as that pale face looked so imploring in his own, he would have supported her, but she shrank from him, and motioned him to lead

Turning only once, she uttered a smothered cry, and pressing both hands over her heart, followed Harvey as the criminal follows the executioner.

"Take me home," she said, and once there, she tore off her glittering ornaments never to wear them again.

True, years afterward she did become the wife of Harvey; but first a subdued, brokenspirited woman, ever feeling but that for her, a long life of brilliant usefulness, might have been vouchsafed one, whose heart being too tender, broke in striving to forget her. She has four beautiful daughters, but not one of them will ever be in the remotest degree, that heartless thing-a coquette.

"SHIN PLASTERS."-Paper money was first made in Massachusetts, in 1690, emitted by Rhode Island 1744, by Pennsylvania 1722; first issued by Congress, May 15th, 1775; made a legal tender, 1777; ceased to circulate, after a gradual depreciation, 1781. The introduction of paper money caused more misery and distress during the Revolution, than all the cut-throat soldiery that Great Britain could pour upon our shores. Yea, thrice more than all the wars, pestilence and famines with which our people have been scourged.

UGLY AND TALL .- A Quaker vindicating the pertinacity of his sect in refusing to confer titles on men, gave this whimsical account:

"I had the honor," said he, "one day to be in company with an Excellency and a Highness. His Excellency was the most ignorant and brutal of his species, and his Highness measured just four feet eight inches without his shoes."